Statement-III

A. Estimated population of wild elephants

Region	State	Elephant Population	
		2002	2007-08
North-East	Arunachal Pradesh	1607	1690
	Assam	5246	5281
	Meghalaya	1868	1811
	Nagaland	145	152
	Mizoram	33	12
	Manipur	12	-
	Tripura	40	59
	West Bengal (North)	292	300-350
Total for North-East		9243	9305-9355
East	West Bengal (South)	36	25
	Jharkhand	772	624
	Orissa	1841	1862
	Chhattisgarh	-	122
Total for East		2649	2633
North	Uttarakhand	1582	1346
	Uttar Pradesh	85	380
Total for North		1667	1726
South			
	Tamil Nadu	3052	3867
	Karnataka	5838	4035
	Kerala	3850	6068
	Andhra Pradesh	74	28
	Maharashtra	-	7
Total for South		12814	14005
Islands	Andaman & Nicobar	40	-
GRAND TOTAL		26413	27669-27719

B. Estimated population of Lion

2001	2005
327 ± 5	359± 10

Financial assistance for development of forests

662. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provides some financial assistance to State Governments for the development of forests in their territory;

(b) the amount of funds so released to State Governments, particularly to State Government of Maharashtra for the purpose during the last three years;

(c) the works undertaken by the State Government of Maharashtra using the aforesaid funds;

(d) whether there is a delay in releasing the funds by Government; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme aimed at regeneration of degraded forests and fringe areas, through a two tier institutional set-up of Forest Development Agencies (PDAs) at the district level and Joint Forest Management Committees at the village level. The State-wise details of funds released by the National Afforestation and Eco-development Board to the FDAs, including those in Maharashtra, during the last three years, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The FDAs have undertaken Afforestation as well as related activities like soil and moisture conservation, fencing, Entry Point Activities, monitoring and evaluation, utilizing the fund.

(d) and (e) Funds are released to FDA projects on receipt of appropriate proposals along-with satisfactory utilization of the funds released earlier and other requisite documents like progress report, audit report etc. The release is further subject to availability of fund with National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board during the financial year.

Statement

State-wise details of funds released for forests, particularly to Maharashtra during the last three years (2005-2008)

Sl. No.	State	Amount Released (Rs. in crore)			
		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	7.08	11.06	9.97	28.11
2	Chhattisgarh	17.63	13.05	42.69	73.37
3	Gujarat	12.05	17.52	30.93	60.50
4	Haryana	4.35	9.20	12.93	26.48
5	Himachal Pradesh	9.08	11.56	7.43	28.07
6	Jammu & Kashmir	5.28	5.83	8.13	19.24
7	Karnataka	23.03	23.54	31.02	77.59
8	Madhya Pradesh	12.61	15.83	13.84	42.28
9	Maharashtra	14.69	15.93	29.92	60.54
10	Orissa	12.05	14.07	19.01	45.13

1	2	3	4	5	6
11	Punjab	3.97	3.36	5.88	13.22
12	Rajasthan	7.26	5.62	2.50	15.38
13	Tamil Nadu	20.92	17.22	9.46	47.60
14	Uttar Pradesh	17.04	11.88	36.77	65.69
15	Uttarakhand	13.10	11.52	12.39	37.01
16	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Jharkhand	7.85	19.03	24.56	51.44
18	Bihar	3.42	4.94	6.92	15.28
19	Kerala	4.99	12.75	8.81	26.54
20	West Bengal	5.92	7.00	7.23	20.15
	TOTAL (Other States)	202.32	230.92	320.38	753.62
21	Arunachal Pradesh	2.89	2.93	4.85	10.66
22	Assam	5.50	13.60	8.58	27.68
23	Manipur	6.30	7.78	12.37	26.45
24	Nagaland	5.37	7.22	7.75	20.34
25	Sikkim	6.23	7.41	11.28	24.92
26	Tripura	4.27	4.37	5.02	13.66
27	Mizoram	10.06	13.09	16.75	39.91
28	Meghalaya	5.18	5.44	5.94	16.56
	TOTAL (NE States)	45.80	61.83	72.55	180.18
	G. TOTAL	248.12	292.75	392.93	933.80

Waste being exported by Japan

663. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan exported more than 500 tonnes of DDT and 20 tonnes of capacitor fluid containing polychlorinated biphenyl, a carcinogen and a banned chemical, in the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of waste being exported by Japan to India;

(c) the details of places where this waste has been disposed of;

(d) whether this contravenes Vasel Convention; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (e) As per the information furnished by the Central Board of Excise and